July 9, 2012

A special meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 12:00 Noon in Room 104 of Central School for the purpose of new hires, staff housing, adjustments to lunch and accounts and to consider Associated Student Body financial institution account proposals as called by the chairwomen and on posted notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Kelly Dey, Luann Cooley, Dexter Thiel, Dennis Lorenz and Serina Everett. Also in attendance were Superintendent Farr and Clerk Beyer. Absent was Trustee Craig Steinbeisser. Also in attendance was Mark Halvorson with the Sidney Education Association.

Chairwoman Dey called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM stating that an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to address the board were asked to fill out the Audience Participation form and give it to the clerk to be recognized.

The hire of Ross Hall as Student Activities Director was approved 5 to 0 on a motion by Mrs. Cooley and a second by Mrs. Everett.

Superintendent Farr presented the Residential Relocation Reimbursement Agreement. The granting of conditional use permits by the City of Sidney will allow the District to proceed with procuring staff housing. However, the conditional use permit will not allow the District to charge rent to housing occupants. The District can combine housing with total compensation to be earned by an employee on a monthly basis. This document is an understanding between the district employee voluntarily occupying district housing and the district that reimbursement of the housing is part of total gross salary and reflects the expenses incurred by the District. This document has been shared with the SEA clarifying the intent of the District to maintain equity in salary with no additional compensation to employees occupying staff housing.

The Residential Relocation Reimbursement Agreement was approved 5 to 0 on a motion by Mrs. Cooley and a second by Mrs. Everett. Ms. Dey expressed appreciation to the SEA for recognizing the needs of the District in the area of staff housing and allowing the accommodation to take place.

First reading of Board Policy 7540 Residential Relocation Occupancy was approved 5 to 0 on a motion by Mr. Lorenz and a second by Mrs. Cooley. This policy establishes the purposes of the housing, waiver of use if open units exist, responsibility for determination and assignment of housing based on staff need, reimbursement for housing, termination of occupancy and references occupancy agreement.

Clerk Beyer presented a request to allow the transfer of $71.55 in lunch balances of less than $5.00 with no family members remaining in the District or accounts where the family has left the area and no known forwarding address exists into a general lunch account. These amounts will be used at the discretion of the Trustees and may include offsetting delinquent accounts that are not collectible. Mrs. Cooley moved to allow the transfer of lunch balances. Mr. Lorenz provided the second which passed 5 to 0.

Proposals were sought from local financial institutions regarding the housing of the ASB funds. After reviewing and comparing the plans presented by Wells Fargo and First Bank, Mr. Lorenz moved to accept the proposal of Wells Fargo. Mrs. Cooley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk